

REMARKS

Claims 1-38, 40, and 42-60 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 19, 23, 28, stand rejected. Claims 3-14, 17, 18, 20-22, 24-27, 43 and 44 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 29-35, 42, and 45-59 are withdrawn.

In this response, claim 1 has been canceled solely so that the allowable claims will issue in a patent. Claims 54-59, which are directed to one or more methods, have also been canceled. Because claims 29-35, 42, and 45-53 that were previously withdrawn depend on an allowable generic claim, Applicants believe that the restriction requirement for these claims should be withdrawn. "Whenever a generic claim is found to be allowable in substance... action on the species claims shall thereupon be given as if the generic claim were allowed." M.P.E.P. 809.02(e). "When the application is otherwise ready for issue and there is an allowed generic claim... the applicant must be advised of the allowance of a generic claim and given a time limit of 1 month (not less than 30 days) to conform all of the claims to the nonelected species to fully embrace an allowed generic claim." M.P.E.P. 809.02(c). Therefore, Applicants have now identified claims 29-35, 42, and 45-53 as "currently amended," or "original," as appropriate.

Claims 3, 8 and 17 have been rewritten as independent claims, incorporating the original claim 1 subject matter. Claims 2, 15, 16, 18-23, 26, 28, 29, 45, 50, and 52 have been amended solely so that these claims depend on an allowable claim. Claim 60 has been amended to recite specific claim dependency.

Amendment of the originally filed claims, or cancellation of any claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence, narrowing, or surrender of any subject matter. The amendments are being made not only to point out with particularity and to claim the present invention, but also to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants reserve the option to prosecute the originally filed claims further, or similar ones, in the instant or subsequently filed patent applications.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

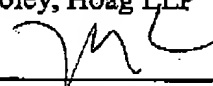
Claims 1, 2, 15, 16, 23 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Wen et al.

Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2, 15, 16, 23 and 28 have been amended to depend on an allowable claim, rendering this rejection moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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